

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (currently amended) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, each sphere the spheres of one matrix located so as to lie in contact with a plurality of at least in part against the spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of spheres of one matrix results in counter rotation of spheres of the other matrix, wherein the spheres of each matrix project beyond the frame and are retained in the same position relative to the frame during rotation.
2. (original) A bearing according to claim 1 wherein the spheres are between 25 mm and 15 mm in diameter.
3. (previously presented) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, and an inflatable platform arranged to be detachably joined to the bearing, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, the spheres of one matrix located so as to lie at least in part against the spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of spheres of one matrix results in counter rotation of spheres of the other matrix, wherein the spheres of each matrix are retained in the same position relative to the frame during rotation.
4. (original) A bearing according to claim 3 wherein the inflatable platform is provided with detachable poles disposable on either side of the platform and so arranged for carrying the platform.

5. (original) A bearing according to claim 1 wherein the spheres are between 2.5 and 7.5 mm in diameter.

6. (previously presented) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, the spheres of one matrix located so as to lie at least in part against the spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of spheres of one matrix results in counter rotation of spheres of the other matrix, wherein the spheres of each matrix are retained in the same position relative to the frame during rotation, further wherein the spheres are woven into each matrix.

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, the spheres of one matrix located so as to lie at least in part against the spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of spheres of one matrix results in counter rotation of spheres of the other matrix, wherein the spheres are woven into each matrix.

9. (previously presented) A bearing according to claim 8 wherein the spheres are between 25 mm and 15 mm in diameter.

10. (previously presented) A bearing according to claim 8 wherein the spheres are between 2.5 and 7.5 mm in diameter.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for

rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, each sphere of one matrix in contact ~~contiguous~~ with a plurality of spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of a sphere of one matrix results in counter rotation of a plurality of spheres of the other matrix wherein the spheres of each matrix project beyond the frame.

13. (previously presented) A bearing according to claim 12 wherein the spheres are between 25 mm and 15 mm in diameter.

14. (previously presented) A bearing according to claim 12 wherein the spheres are between 2.5 and 7.5 mm in diameter.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) A bearing comprising a frame at least partly surrounding two matrices each of a plurality of spheres, each matrix when flat having its spheres mounted for rotation in at least part a single plane, the plane of one matrix being parallel to that of the other matrix, each sphere of one matrix contiguous with a plurality of spheres of the other matrix so that rotation of a sphere of one matrix results in counter rotation of a plurality of spheres of the other matrix, wherein the spheres are woven into each matrix.

17. (new) A bearing according to claim 1 wherein each sphere of one matrix is in contact with four spheres of the other matrix.

18. (new) A bearing according to claim 12 wherein each sphere of one matrix is in contact with four spheres of the other matrix.